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Importance: High

Update as of 2022-02-12 16:30 ET

New information in red below

Bottom Line / Summary:

Cornwall

- As of 1516 ET, there is one lane open and the pedestrian traffic has decreased slightly, down to approximately 110 people.
- Number of tractors remains at over a dozen. There are no operational impacts.

Sault Ste. Marie

- As of 15:34 local time, protestor decrease to approx. 10 and 2 on-site city police - no operational impacts.

Pigeon River

- There was a report of 80 – 100 vehicles (2 commercial motor vehicles, 10 – 16 farm tractors and the rest are passenger vehicles) that will be on the highway soon and headed towards the Tourist Centre located before the POE.
- OPP Constable with the Provincial Liaison Team (PLT) and an OPP Traffic Sergeant will not allow any protestors on CBSA

Ambassador Bridge

- As of 14:00 hrs, the bridge remains closed to Canada-bound traffic and police line does not appear to have advanced south on Huron Church, they appear to be on the south side of college about 100 meters south of the intersection.
- No arrests made to date however, police informs protestors via loudspeaker, to move or they will be arrested. One vehicle has been towed away.

Peace Bridge

- As of 15:00, no delay at Peace Bridge Commercial. All five truck lanes are open
- Large number of passenger (150-200 or more) with supporter flags lining up on Niagara Pkwy public road near Commercial building. Peaceful and horns being honked
- Inbound Canada traffic has been light and no impact felt at this time.

Blue Water Bridge (Sarnia)

- As of 15:00, border wait time is 35 minutes. No delays for U.S. bound traffic.
- Currently all 7 manifests are fully manned and operational. 24 BSOs on duty which includes deployment of 6 BSOs from Windsor Operation
- As of 12:15 ET, report of a group of approximately 30 people that began to gather underneath the Blue Water Bridge along the water front. Some members in the group are waving Canada / United States of America flags. The O.P.P was notified.

Emerson

- As of 15:28 local time, blockade remains in place north of the POE. RCMP continue to monitor and provide updates; nothing of significance report.
- Some passenger vehicle traffic continues to be processed and released via secondary roads. Commercial vehicles are returned to the US and directed to alternate POE's.

Coutts

- Border Alert sent advising of the temporary suspension of services at the POE with alternate crossing locations.

Regway

- As of 13:58 local time, reports that 50-150 trucks have staged or on route to staging area approximately 75km north of the POE.
- RCMP has set up operations at POE, adjacent to the POE and have engaged CBSA in their planning. USCBP has been engaged.

Pacific Highway

- As of 12:05 PT, the demonstrators have blocked all south-bound vehicular traffic on 176 Street at 4th Avenue. Northbound traffic is able to pass the demonstrators by utilizing the CVSE Inspection Station on 176 Street.
- CBSA Operations at Pacific Highway remain unaffected at this time and all traffic (passenger & commercial) are being processed & released without interruption.
- CBSA Intelligence remains engaged. RCMP continue to be on-scene at the protest sites. US CBP has been engaged.

Osoyoos

- As of 15:08 local time, 10 protesters and 6 vehicles have started to arrive at the POE ahead of the rolling convoy out of Vernon, BC. The protest is expected to last several hours.
- The highway is not being blocked at this time and there are no RCMP on site. RCMP and US CBP have been engaged.

Upcoming Protests Events

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ONGOING	CONFIRMED	UNCONFIRMED
· Ottawa – Parliament Hill protest continues · Cornwall - As of 0850 ET, there are about 26 vehicles just outside the POE. Police on site. · Sault Ste. Marie – no protestors but police on site · Sarnia – Hwy 402 blockade · London: Putnam ON near 401, approximately 20 MTO vehicles waiting in parking lot.	· Ottawa – protests continue at Parliament Hill and downtown. · Lansdowne – Feb 12 - Intel reports of slow roll out of Gananoque through Town	CANADA <u>February 12</u> · Fredericton, NB · Montreal, QUE (Jarry Park) · Lansdowne, NOR (Thousand Island Bridge) · Thunder Bay / Pigeon River

Destination unknown, but there is a scheduled Slow Roll from London to Windsor scheduled for today - Windsor Convoy for Freedom 2022 – Ambassador Bridge - Coutts – North and South bound lanes blocked off, gates closed. RCMP request in to close the POE. - Emerson – Blockade remains north of the POE. Some processing for passenger vehicles. Commercial redirected. - Pacific Highway (near POE)	and heading to Hill Island - Montreal Airport – Feb 12, 2022 Overseas: - New Zealand – protest activity in support of Canadian protests - France – Protest activity in support of Canadian protests (convoy to Belgium) - Netherlands Feb 12 – Protest activities related to Canadian protest (potentially related to convoy to Belgium)	- Peace Bridge, SOR - Regway, PRA - Edmonton, PRA - Osoyoos, PAC - Paterson, PAC <u>February 13</u> - Fredericton, NB - Fort Frances, NOR - Edmonton, PRA <u>February 19</u> <u>Unknown date</u> - SOR Rail blockade - North Portal, SK / Boissevain, MB USA - Buffalo – Feb 12 - Peace Bridge, NY – Feb 12 - Port Huron / Sarnia – Feb 12 Overseas - Brussels - Freedom Convoy Europe 2022 - Australia- protest activity in support of Canadian protests
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Enhanced Vigilance Examinations:

- No new vigilance examinations reported

Intelligence Landscape

BLUF: As of February 11, 2022, at 1330 ET, the overall threat to CBSA officers and infrastructure is low.

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REGIONAL POE IMPACTS

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ATLANTIC REGION (ATL)

- No update

QUEBEC REGION (QUE)

- Quebec Region reports that the planned protest at Lacolle for February 12 has not materialized and social media posts advise that the event may be moved to February 19, 2022. Quebec Region is continuing to monitor with the Sûreté du Québec and the RCMP.

NORTHERN ONTARIO REGION (NOR)

Cornwall

- As of 1516 ET, there is one lane open and the pedestrian traffic has decreased slightly, down to approximately 110 people.
- Number of tractors remains at over a dozen. There are no operational impacts.
- Staff are able to enter and exit the POE despite the protest. Emergency vehicles have not been impeded.
- The Grand Chief of the Mohawk Council of Akwesasne sent a message to the community this morning advising of possible delays at the Cornwall POE.
- s.38 [REDACTED] has advised that there is a possible U.S. convoy coming up to join the protest in Cornwall (still not confirmed).

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Pigeon River

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- OPP Constable with the Provincial Liaison Team (PLT) and an OPP Traffic Sergeant advised that in regard to the potential Freedom Rally that they will not allow any protestors on CBSA property and that they plan to set up a checkpoint on Highway 61 leading to the border to only allow legitimate cross border traffic to pass through.

GREATER TORONTO AREA REGION (GTA)

- No update

SOUTHERN ONTARIO REGION (SOR)

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- No arrests made to date however, police informs protestors via loudspeaker, to move or they will be arrested. One vehicle has been towed away.
- There are more people walking to join from available parking at the Tecumseh Road /Huron Church Line intersection, however there are an equal number leaving as well.
- Windsor EMS is set up at the Tecumseh Road/Huron Church Line intersection.
- Employee safety is a main focus. They are unable to report to work but are reporting to the Off-Site commercial facility, where police are located at the entrance and exits.
- OPP has taken back most of occupied area and continues to push line back towards Tecumseh.

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- Large number of passenger (150-200 or more) with supporter flags lining up on Niagara Pkwy public road near Commercial building. Peaceful and horns being honked
- Town of Fort Erie vehicles and Niagara Regional Police have blocked Central Ave exit off from the QEW as well as at the intersection of Central Avenue and Queen St. Staff will have to take one of the other alternatives accesses to staff parking lot.
- Perimeter checks and communication with traffic operations taking place periodically to monitor any development of protest activities.
- All staff have been briefed on situation and expectation related to protest activity.
- Inbound Canada traffic has been light and no impact felt at this time.

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PRAIRIE REGION (PRA)

Emerson

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- RCMP has set up operations at POE, adjacent to the POE and have engaged CBSA in their planning.
- RCMP plan on setting up check points North of the POE and restrict the volume of protest traffic allowed to continue to the POE.
- Reports are a local farmer has given permission for the protesters and their vehicles to stage and turn around in his field. Exact location of this field in proximity to the Port of Entry is still being determined.
- Media on site north of CBSA property and directed to the Communications team for comments
- Engagement with local US Customs and Border Protection Port Director at Raymond, MT

Prairie Region provided the processing hours for the following ports of entry for Feb 12 and 13, 2022:

Feb 12th and 13th

Alberta

Regular Travellers:

- Del Bonita (0900 – 1700 MT) Sat & Sun
- Carway (0800 – 1800 MT) 7 days a week

Commercial Traffic:

- Roosevelt, BC
- North Portal, SK

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Manitoba

Regular Travellers:

- Tolstoi (0800-2200 CT) 7 days a week
- Gretna (0800-2200 CT) 7 days a week
- Boissevain (24/7)
- Sprague (24/7)

Commercial Traffic:

- Boissevain and Sprague

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PACIFIC REGION (PAC)

Pacific Highway

- As of 10:00 PST on Saturday February 12, 2022, the demonstration continues near the Pacific Highway Port of Entry with approximately 150-200 participants. Located on the west side of 176th St between 2nd and 4th Ave are approximately 8 tents, one RV and a large group of 150 protesters waving Canadian flags and various posters. Across the street, on the east side by the CVSE scales, 6-7 RV's and approximately 20 personal vehicles have set up.
- One RCMP vehicle is parked monitoring gathering in that location and they have set up multiple checkpoints to control access to and from the POE.
- No media on site. No impact on operations at Pac Hwy Traffic or Pac Hwy Commercial Operations and volumes are low.
- Employees are able to get in and out as necessary with limited impediment.

Osoyoos

- As of 15:08 local time, 10 protesters and 6 vehicles have started to arrive at the POE ahead of the rolling convoy out of Vernon, BC. The protest is expected to last several hours.
- Vehicles are currently parked in the broker parking lot as well as on the side of the highway at the perimeter of the Port.
- The highway is not being blocked at this time and there are no RCMP on site.
- RCMP and USCBP have been engaged.
- No operational impacts.

Paterson

- Advanced protest preparations underway on the US side of the border at Paterson. A number of pickup trucks and personal vehicles with flags have set up on the side of the highway south of the Port of Paterson. Everything suggest peaceful protest.
- A similar event is planned for the Canadian side and will be starting with in a half hour. The band has set up and a local RCMP says the convoy is up over 100 vehicles at the moment and passing through Trail BC.

Roosville

- Advanced preparations of a protest on the US side of the border at Roosville. A flatbed trailer is being setup as a stage and there are a number of large cranes trucks with flags. A number of smaller US politician are expected to speak (local Sheriff, local senator, local commissioner).
- It is expected that 100 to 400 people may arrive. Everything suggest peaceful protest. US media is expected to be present along with a media drone. The drone is not expected to enter Canadian airspace.
- A similar event was planned for the land adjacent in Canada. Local pressure from the Tobacco Plains Indian Band has forced the Canadian protest to move north.
- The Canadian protest location is now expected at the hwy 3 / 93 junction. A significant amount of spray paint messages was placed on the hwy from the Cdn POE to the hwy 3 / 93 junction. The spray paint cautioned protesters not to come down to Tobacco Plains land and showed a support of the vaccine. Depending on the mood of the hwy 3/93 protest, the spray paint might trigger an interaction of the two groups. Everything suggest peaceful demonstration right now.
- The Band office has placed barricades on all their land entering from the hwy. Informations suggests that if convoy protesters come to the border from Canada, local band member may counter protest.
- One RCMP Cpl and one Cnst are currently on site. One plans to remain at the POE while the other roves the hwy.
- Events are scheduled to start within the hour and may last an hour..

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LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNER ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

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POE Name	Province	s.37 POE	Designated Commercial Office	Status	Police of Jurisdiction	POJ Notified	POJ Present
Pacific Highway	BC	Yes	Yes	Ongoing PROTEST	RCMP	Yes	Yes
Douglas	BC	Yes			RCMP	Yes	No
Abbotsford/Huntington	BC	Yes	Yes		Abbotsford PD	Yes	No
Coutts	AB	Yes	Yes	Ongoing BLOCKADE	RCMP	Yes	Yes
North Portal	SK	Yes	Yes	Planned PROTEST	RCMP	Yes	No
Emerson	MB	Yes	Yes	Ongoing BLOCKADE	RCMP	Yes	Yes
Pigeon River	ON	Yes	Yes	Planned PROTEST	Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	TBD
Fort Frances	ON	Yes	Yes	Planned PROTEST	Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	TBD
Sault Ste Marie	ON	Yes	Yes	Ongoing PROTEST	Sault Ste Marie Police	Yes	TBD
Sarnia	ON	Yes	Yes	Ongoing PROTEST	Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	Yes
Windsor - Ambassador Bridge	ON	Yes	Yes	Ongoing BLOCKADE	Windsor Police/OPP	Yes	Yes
Windsor-Detroit Tunnel	ON	Yes			Windsor Police/OPP	Yes	Yes
Fort Erie (Peace Bridge)	ON	Yes	Yes	Ongoing PROTEST	Niagara Regional Police/OPP	Yes	Yes
Rainbow Bridge	ON	Yes			Niagara Regional Police/OPP	Yes	No
Niagara (Queenston)	ON	Yes	Yes	Planned PROTEST	Niagara Regional Police/OPP	Yes	Yes
Lansdowne	ON	Yes	Yes		Ontario Provincial Police	Yes	No
St-Bernard-de-Lacolle	QC	Yes	Yes	Planned PROTEST	Sûreté du Québec	Yes	No
Stanstead	QC	Yes	Yes		Sûreté du Québec	Yes	No
St-Armand/Philipsburg	QC	Yes	Yes		Sûreté du Québec	Yes	No
Woodstock	NB	Yes	Yes	Planned PROTEST	RCMP	Yes	No
St. Stephens	NB	Yes	Yes		RCMP	TBD	No

OTHER GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS AND MEDIA:

- Approx. 500-550 people on Parliament Hill, approx. 1000-1500 people on Wellington and another approx. 500-1000 on the surrounding streets.
- Police resources are currently monitoring protests and counter-protests in the downtown core, including at the War Memorial. Officers are there to ensure public safety is maintained.
- Both groups are staying separate from each other.

At the request of the Ontario Provincial Police Service, Transport Canada Civil Aviation Ontario Region has issued a NOTAM restricting airspace over the protest in Windsor, ON. The airspace restriction begins 12 February 2022 at 05:00 ET and ends on 12 February,

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